Additional availability of Gas from Tapti Field

2384. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of gas required for power project at Pipavav and other Power Projects of Gujarat;

(b) the quantity of gas agreed to by the Central Government for the projects;

(c) whether additional availability of gas is based on the investment decision to be taken by the Management Committee of the developers of Tapti field; and

(d) if so, whether the decision will be expedited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Against the total requirement of 2.25 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) for the Pipavav Power Project and 19.25 MMSCMD of natural gas for other gas based power projects in Gujarat, 9.74 MMSCMD of natural gas (including 'in principle' allocation of 2.25 MMSCMD for Pipavav power project) has been allocated to power projects in Gujarat.

(c) Yes, Sir. The 'in principle' allocation of 2.25 MMSCMD of gas for Pipavav power project has been made subject to the decision of the Tapti Management Committee to develop the availability of gas in the Tapti field.

(d) The Joint Venture partners of the Tapti field are in the process of finalizing the future production profile.

GAIL's Joint Venture Projects

2385. SHRI C.P.THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Joint Ventures Companies which have been formed by Gas Authority of India Limited alongwith international companies;

(b) the names of the foreign companies in the joint venture; and

(c) whether any remarkable improvements has been made by entering in the joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) have formed a Joint Venture Company (JVC) namely *viz.*, Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL), Mumbai with M/s. British Gas Plc., U.K., an international company.

(c) Yes, Sir. The technology made available by M/s. British Gas has helped MGL to effectively execute the city gas distribution project in Mumbai and also to acquire rich experience to design, fabricate, operate and maintain the natural gas pipeline network in the densely populated areas.

LPG pipeline between Chennai and Pondicherry

2386. SHRI C.P.THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the proposed LPG pipelines connecting Visakapatnam with Secunderabad and Mangalore and Coimbatore;

(b) whether there is any proposal to lay LPG pipeline between Chennai and Pondicherry; and

(c) if so, by when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has achieved an overall progress of 6.1% against the schedule of 6% in respect of its Vizag-Secunderabad Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) pipeline. Supply of bare line pipes has been awarded and the tender for construction of pipeline has been floated. GAIL is in the process of carrying out the pre-project activities for the proposed Mangalore-Coimbatore LPG pipeline.

(b) and (c) The proposal for connecting Chennai only with LPG pipeline is at concept stage and no feasibility study has been carried out.

Supply of kerosene through Public Distribution System

2387. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to limit the supply of kerosene through public distribution system to persons below the poverty line;